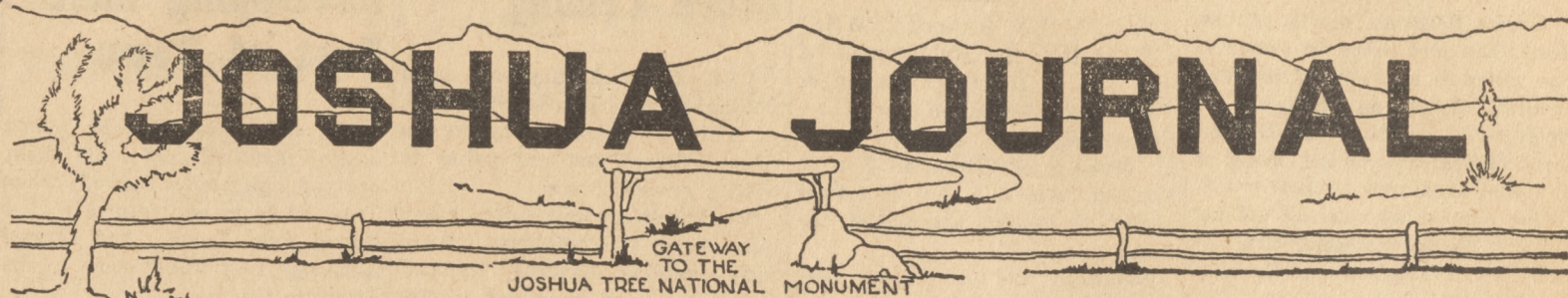


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April 7th to 13th



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First Sunrise Service Well Attended

Department of Employment To Be Probed

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) (Exclusive)—A resolution calling for a legislative investigation of the State Department of Employment, introduced here today by Assemblyman George Miller Jr., of Richmond, because of reports he said he has received which "hinted at weaknesses in the administration of the department" drew almost instant response from Hiram W. Johnson 3rd, member of the State Employment Commission, who announced that he "welcomed" such a move.

"I think it is splendid," Johnson declared. "I think a legislative investigation is the healthiest thing that can happen to a bureaucracy."

"Of course there are weaknesses in the administration," he said. "The reason for these weaknesses are pointed out by such examples as the fact that labor management meetings are attended only by the administrators and they commit the commission to policies of which the other members have no knowledge and to which some would never subscribe."

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M. H. Hess Opens New Subdivision In Morongo Valley

H. M. Hess, pioneer Realtor and subdivider of Morongo Valley has opened his newest addition, Morongo Manor, to that rapidly developing desert town.

The new addition consists of scenic residential lots and business lots, and will be restricted to a good class of homes and business buildings according to Hess.

Morongo Manor lies in the most scenic spot in Morongo Valley, Hess says, with Mt. San Geronio and its snow capped peaks on the west and the towering San Jacinto on the south.

According to Hess they have an abundance of deep well water, electricity, and as soon as the weather permits, all streets and alleys will be hard surfaced. He says he has the only sub-division in the valley that has lots for sale.

H. M. Hess is credited with being the one who started the town of Morongo Valley and this is the fourth sub-division he has developed in the ten years he has been there.

Morongo is growing fast and with the prospect of more building material and workmen available it is expected there will be a big

Legion Poster Awards to be Given Friday Night

The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday night, April 11. In addition to the regular order of business the winners of the American Legion Poppy Day Poster contest will be presented with their awards.

The contestants are from the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and the winners are, 1st, Claudia Rundall; 2nd, Pansy DeLand; 3rd, Billy Brown Rice.

Judges of the work of the children were Col. Gerald O. McMillen, Stefan DeBandrowsky, and Stewart Gear. The remarkable thing that the judges noted was the depth of thought behind many of the slogans offered by these children. Also outstanding was the very apparent need for art instruction in our school.

Enjoy Pot Luck Supper

The American Legion Auxiliary had a potluck supper in the Legion building Thursday night. About forty were present and enjoyed a real feed.

Salute To The Army!

Too often, after the smoke of battle has cleared, medals disappear and uniforms all but vanish, public interest in the armed forces recedes to a point where their vital mission in peace is all but forgotten.

Fortunately for America, this apathetic attitude has been less prevalent since World War II, and will be even less likely to spread because of positive steps by enlightened leaders to bring home to the people the real worth of their defenders.

One such step, deserving of nationwide support, will be the 1947 observance of Army Week from April 7th to 13th. "A strong America is a peaceful America" has been selected as the ringing theme for this year's observance. Communities throughout America will honor America's soldiers, living and dead, who did so much to make peace possible.

The week-long ceremonies will serve practical as well as idealistic purposes. They will inform the Nation of the new peacetime patterns of national security being developed by the Army. And they will demonstrate the Army's effectiveness at home and abroad in supporting this Nation's participation with the United Nations in building toward permanent world peace.

America salutes her peacetime Army, remembering, in the words of the slogan, "A strong America is a peaceful America."

A WINNER



Photo Copyright Harlow Jones
C. R. BUNKER and the DUKE OF SUN VALLEY winner of two firsts and a place in the Annual Turtle Races at Joshua Tree last year. The Second Annual Running of the Grand National Sweepstakes will be held on May 4 this year.

Perfect Setting and Glorious Desert Sunrise Combined to Make Easter Service Most Inspiring

Never was there a sunrise more glorious than on this Easter Morn, when approximately 200 residents of Joshua Tree and vicinity gathered on the slopes of Sunrise Terrace for their first Easter Sunrise Service.

Monument Travel Continues Growth

Travel figures for the month of March in the Joshua Tree National Monument, as released by the Custodian's office in Twentynine Palms, shows a total of 2504 cars entering the monument during the month.

This amounts to 9060 visitors and an increase of 109 per cent over March 1946, and a 29 per cent increase over February of this year.

Many large groups visited the monument during the month, including Boy Scout troops, camera clubs and outing clubs.

The Desert Museum at Palm Springs conducted a caravan thru the monument during the month, also the Santa Fe Masonic Club, of San Bernardino.

Desert Flight Club Breakfast Flight

Bill Putnam and his boys at "K" Field are making preparations for another Flight Club breakfast flight for next Sunday, April 13, probably to Emerson Dry (Continued on page 3)

Members of the Community Chapel had placed a gleaming white cross near the crest of the slope. In front of the cross was the pulpit and choir and arranged in a semi-circle were seats for the congregation, in full view of the eastern horizon.

The people began gathering while there was only a faint glow in the perfectly clear desert sky. Just as the sun started to break over the horizon the congregation began to sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The Rev. D. C. Williams pronounced the invocation, and thereafter followed vocal numbers by a mixed quintette and a solo by Mrs. Antoinette Kirch. Dr. Williams delivered a brief but most interesting inspirational talk and the service closed with the quintette singing "The Old Rugged Cross."

Following the Sunrise Service, at 11 o'clock the Community hall was filled to capacity to hear a program of special music and to listen to a most inspiring Easter Sermon by Dr. Williams.

A site for a new chapel has been secured, the gift of C. R. Bunker and the Townsite Company, and under the leadership of Dr. Williams preparation is being made to start construction on the building in a short while.

County Tuberculosis Association X-Ray Truck Here Thursday

Free chest X-rays will be offered residents of Joshua Tree on Thursday, April 10th, from 9 to 11 a.m., it was announced this week by Ridgely Cummings, health educator with the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Mrs. Johnnie Beard and Mrs. Mary Ojala will be in charge of registering persons getting the X-rays, Cummings said.

The process takes only a moment and it is not necessary to disrobe since the new equipment sends X-rays right through clothing.

The X-ray unit, which is housed in a big trailer, will be parked in front of the Desert Trading Post, across from the Joshua Journal office, Cummings said.

Cummings said that in addition to offering free miniature chest X-rays the unit was equipped to take the large 14-inch by 17-inch

chest plates. He said people who have reason to believe that the small X-ray would show up suspicious spots can save themselves a trip into San Bernardino by getting the large X-ray. The charge for the large X-ray, which includes reading by a chest specialist, is \$5.

Films are read for heart pathology as well as for chest abnormalities, Cummings said.

Persons with suspicious findings will be notified of the results within three weeks and those whose chests are normal will not be notified.

In Our Midst

Almira Sessions, movie actress, desert fan and property owner in our valley is a cousin of the Viscountess Irone de Beughem of Belgium, whom the War Department decorated with the Medal of Freedom on March 11, 1947.

The citation as read by Colonel John B. Sherman, former Chief of SHAEF in Belgium and Luxembourg, said:

"Foreseeing the war in 1939, Viscountess de Beughem returned to Belgium, where she was of great service to the Resistance movement and in much needed welfare work.

"After the liberation of Belgium, she immediately offered her services to the American Forces in Belgium. Her tireless efforts did much to strengthen the mutual understanding and friendship between the Belgian people and the American forces to whose welfare she made an outstanding contribution.

"In recognition of this meritorious service, which aided the United States in the prosecution of the war, she has been awarded the Medal of Freedom."

Miss Sessions' latest picture is the new Charlie Chaplin picture "Monseigneur Verdoux," soon to have its world premier.

Miss Sessions is a frequent visitor at the JOURNAL office and her autographed picture, a scene from the Chaplin picture, is on the wall.

Highway Traffic Fatalities Down

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —California highway fatalities for 1947 are 20 per cent less than in 1946, according to a report made to Governor Earl Warren today by Edgar E. Lampton, director of Motor Vehicles. He said 292 persons had been killed during the first two months of this year, as compared to 366 last year.

Lampton said increased enforcement and public support of traffic safety programs contributed to the current improvement. A total of 34,690 arrests have been made, of which 1076 were for drunken driving.

AUTO TRAVEL TO STATE CONTINUES

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —Out-of-state cars are continuing to arrive in California at a high rate, according to Director of Motor Vehicle Edgar E. Lampton, who reported today that 62,299 cars, carrying 160,613 passengers, had passed into California through 16 border stations during February. In addition, 6402 trucks were reported and 60,533 persons arrived on busses.

The State keeps no check on air and train arrivals.

Office for County

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —Plans for the establishment of an office of the State Bureau of Vocational Education in San Bernardino were disclosed today by Director of Education Roy E. Simpson, who said that 23 offices would be located throughout the State.

Simpson told Governor Earl Warren that the bureau anticipated the rehabilitation of more than 7500 disabled men and women during 1948 and that 1947 rehabilitation cases are expected to reach 3000.

He said approximately 100 persons per month are receiving treatment under the bureau's medical care program and are being made employable through corrective surgery, medical treatment for static conditions, and providing artificial legs, arms, and hearing appliances.

Journal Office Visitors

Our own Zita Blenthal, who has a studio and art gallery on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood came out this week to further her plans for building on her property on Park Blvd. and brought along Mrs. Ethel M. Arnett, from Beverly Hills, and Elizabeth Joki recently arrived from Cleveland, Ohio. Both visitors are artists as is Zita.

Miss Joki works in pastel and is exhibiting two of her pictures at the Blenthal galleries April 6th to 15th. One is a portrait of Jesus and the other of St. Germaine, valued at \$25,000 each.

We are feeling just a little puffed up here at the Journal, because Miss Joki noticed our feeble effort at photographic art, "Storm Clouds By Moonlight", and said some very flattering things about the picture. We liked the picture, but praise for our work coming from Elizabeth Joki means something.

Just in case some of you desert folks would like to see the exhibit at the Blenthal galleries, the address is 7857 Melrose Ave., Hollywood.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM RAPPED

SACRAMENTO, April 7 (WNS) —California's system of paying unemployment insurance was rapped today by Senator H. R. Judah of Santa Cruz, who declared this State is paying one out of every six persons in the United States who are drawing benefits.

"California paid these people more benefits than any other State in the Union in February," Judah said. "For the first four months of 1946, this State was first in the number drawing insurance of any State in the Union."

"The reason unemployment insurance cost California over \$150,000,000 in 1946 is not because of distress, but because our law is so loose that all kinds of people who want something-for-nothing can

New Grocery Store Coming

C. F. Hendricks and wife from Southgate have purchased the W. A. Phillips business property on Center Street and are going to open a grocery store.

The Hendricks have added living quarters to the building and are busy building fixtures preparatory to opening later this month.

Hendricks says he has been in the mercantile business in Southern California for twenty-five years.

THAT HIWAY ARGUMENT STILL GOES ON

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —After weeks of wrangling and listening to testimony from an endless list of experts on highways and all kinds of taxes, the Assembly is settling down to action and will shove through a highway bill during the week.

It is apparent from the test roll calls on gas tax amendments that the Assembly bill will not fit the program urged by Governor Earl Warren, nor will it be acceptable to the Senate where the full fledged State highway program, complete with expressways from border to border, was born.

But behind the Assembly votes which knocked out gas tax increases and otherwise emasculated the Senate approved bill there may be recognized a desire on the part of most of the members to provide adequate highways for the State, and a plan for financing which will tax trucks and all highways users on a broad basis.

Main cause of the trouble has been a jumble of assorted statistics, reports, and factual statements which have knocked the members groggy. The trucking industry would claim on the one hand that it is broke and going broke on the present rate of taxation, and on the other it would admit that a 50 per cent increase in tax burden would be fair and could be absorbed.

When it came to the show-down votes, it appeared that a majority of the members want to toss all these statements out the window and begin from scratch with a review of necessary highways and what it will take to construct them.

and do get it," he asserted.

Senator Judah is the author of bills to be considered by the Legislature shortly which, he says, will speed up benefits to those who deserve them and eliminate many of the chisellers.

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Private Community Developing Just East of Town

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Spann bought that little red cabin about one and a half miles east of Joshua Tree, 19 years ago from a soldier named Bob Locke, and figured some day they would come to the desert to live.

This week they came out to spend the Easter Holiday on the desert, and get ready for a host of friends. This was their first visit here in three years and Mrs. Spann confesses she cried for joy as they broke over the hill west of town and beheld the growth and development that has taken place since they were here last.

Mr. Spann is an employee of the Pacific Electric and they live in Compton. He expects to retire in a short while and they then plan to build and live here.

In the party that spent Easter at the little red cabin was Amos Tang from Long Beach. Tang is also a P. E. Railroader and he is going to start building on the east end of the acreage in about three weeks.

Also planning to build on another part of the land is Mr. and Mrs. Walter Main from Norwalk.

Others in the party were Messrs. and Mesdames Walter Carter, Compton; Virgil Bliss, Compton; and Messrs. Ray Bliss, North Hollywood and Bernie Rock, Southgate.

These folks are all friends and

Unemployment Insurance Payments

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) Here are the unemployment insurance figures for San Bernardino County covering the week ending March 27, as reported by the California Department of Employment.

Claims filed: 5312.

Claims paid: 2243.

New claimants: 508.

New veteran claims filed: 247.

Veterans paid: 1938.

For the state a total of 306,230 unemployment insurance claims were filed and 168,719 totaled 23,322; new veteran claims 8,946; and new veterans paid, 83,748.

For the week ending March 22, the department paid \$3,062,369 to insurance claimants.

from the looks of things all are going to have a house on this property.

They enjoyed a sumptuous Easter breakfast out of doors and then staged an Easter egg hunt for the four little girls in the party.

Mr. Spann said one of the first things they are going to do is drill a well so they can go ahead with their building plans.



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Adobe Plant In Operation

Reginald M. Bolt has announced that his Adobe Brick plant at Yucca Village is in operation and he is ready to figure with builders and show them the advantages to be derived from adobe construction here on the desert.

Bolt, who has adopted the name DESERDOBE, says the brick he is making is a stabilized brick, made with a stabilizing emulsion that makes them waterproof and highly resistant to the elements and the desert climate.

The DESERDOBE Plant is located on the John Reddin place one-half mile south of the highway. They have three machines working with a capacity of three thousand brick a day.

Bolt is also a licensed building contractor and says he will build of any material but that he recommends adobe for desert construction, and is prepared to demonstrate the superiority of adobe for any kind of residential building.

Deserdobe has an exclusive concession for adobe construction in Pioneertown, according to Bolt.

ANOTHER GRANDMOTHER

Mrs. Bertie (Pic) Laughlin was all smiles Friday morning as she proudly announced that her daughter, Mrs. Dewey Manzer (Barbara Millsbaugh) was the mother of a fine seven pound girl.

The baby was born at the Bakersfield Hospital Thursday, April 3, 1947. Mother and baby are doing fine.

TWO MORE VICTIMS (?)

C. H. Brown, carpenter and W. M. Casey, chef, came up from Southgate to do carpenter work for C. F. Hendricks, and help him get the new grocery store ready, and both of them have fallen in love with Joshua Tree and the desert and now they are going to buy property and build a home and stay here.

To use Brown's own words, "This is not a desert, its the grandest place to live I ever saw. It's beautiful, a desert in the mountains."

Phil Ossifer Says

Advice is something everyone is willing to dish out, but something nobody pays any attention to.

If you have a yen to drive 90 M.P.H., go ahead. But get off the main highways when you do it. Go on, brother, run as fast as your little heart desires — crack up—when you do, be all by yourself and dash your own brains out. Don't let anybody else suffer for YOUR mania.

Drunken drivers should have their cars taken away from them.

When you are looking down on someone else, you are generally using a poor sense of direction—Oh, yes, you are.

It makes no difference who you are, who you think you are, or who you would like to be, you are no better than the other fellow—Remember that the next time your tongue begins to wag at both ends.

Don't be a hypocrite. There are too many of them in the world now.

DESERT FLIGHT CLUB BREAKFAST FLIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

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Lake bed.

The last flight to Giant Rock Airport was so eminently successful that Bill and his Desert Flight Club members are planning to hold these early morning affairs frequently, and at different spots on the desert.

The Emerson Dry Lake site is close to the mountains and will give any rock hounds who may make the flight, an opportunity to do a little rock hunting.

Reservations can be made with Dewey Below or at the JOURNAL office.

NEW HOME COMPLETED

C. W. Luther moved his furniture out from Southgate and into his newly completed home here Tuesday.

Flying News From 'K' Field

Soaring fans are becoming more and more attracted to our desert because of the good soaring conditions that prevail most of the time. This week "K" Field was host to one of the soaring notables of the coast. He was Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer, now at the Douglas Aircraft plant at Santa Monica, who was visiting friends in Twentynine Palms, and came out to "K" Field to do some glider flying. Dr. Klemperer has the distinction of being the first glider pilot in the world to obtain a Glider Pilot's license. This was in his native Germany.

Sunday morning, under the leadership of Don Kietzke, owner of the Beaumont Airport, six men in three Silvair-Luscombe allmetal sport planes arrived at the field for a glider flight.

Other visitors were Don Downey and wife from Pasadena, who drove out for an hour's soaring.

Don is with the Pasadena Star News, and writes an aviation column.

Fred Obar and his father from Santa Ana came out for a two days stay. Harold Curtis and party flew out in his Navion from Los Angeles and took his friends up for a bit of soaring.

Myron Wells from Los Angeles flew out in a Super Albatross intending to spend his vacation here and do some soaring, but had to cut his stay short on account of the death of his father in New Mexico.

Bill Putnam had visions of his name spread across the headlines Friday when he took off in a glider all prepared to break the world's record for endurance.

After 1 hour and 40 minutes in the air, the currents failed him and he had to come down. The record is 12 hours and Bill says he is going to put that record into a nose dive one of these days. We'll back him across the board the next time he tries.

With summer coming on and bigger and better thermals present there is no reason why a number

of the world's soaring records shouldn't be put in the shade in the near future.

You are missing a real treat if you do not take advantage of some of those breakfast flights the Desert Flight Club and the boys at the field are scheduling. They take off at 6 a. m. and getting out to fly over this desert in the bracing early morning atmosphere is an experience you won't forget soon, and what it does for your appetite is nothing short of a disgrace. Bill and his gang know that however and always go prepared to let you disgrace yourself to your hearts content.

29 PALMS INCORPORATION

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —Articles of incorporation for the Desert Amusement Enterprises, Inc., of Twentynine Palms, were on file today with Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

The concern, capitalized at \$15,000, has as directors Herbert J. Rich, Earl Foster and Michael G. Watkins, all of Twentynine Palms.



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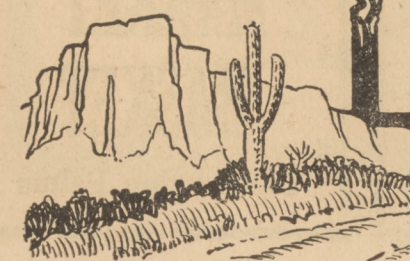
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WE ADVISE

The California director of Motor Vehicles reports that 1076 drivers have been arrested for the first two months of this year.

If we had the proper laws and those laws enforced, that should mean 1076 potential death dealing menaces off the highways until such time as they can satisfy the State that they are definitely "on the wagon," and then they should be chained to the wagon with a bond so stiff they would have to stay put.

We do not believe in prohibition, neither are we teetotalers, but we do believe that an automobile in the hands of a drunk is just as much a deadly weapon as a pistol would be, and usually the aim far more accurate.

Let's put them in the same category and stop some of the killing on the highways.

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BAD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Most major industries, which have grown out of their swaddling clothes, recognize that public good will is of paramount importance in their successful operation. Sound "public relations" has become as important to a well run business as efficient production and sound merchandising.

The "public be damned" attitude, which characterized the era of the heavy-handed robber barons, is seldom evident today in any progressive, successful business enterprise—and for that reason, if no other, it is regrettable that the big trucking interests have seen fit to ride rough shod over every proposal made at Sacramento to place them on a tax parity with other highway users.

The explanation may be found, perhaps, in the fact that the trucking industry, like Topsy, "just grew up" . . . and has failed to recognize that privileges beget responsibilities. At any rate, the "victory" won by the trucking lobby, when an Assembly committee succumbed to pressure politics and emasculated the Collier highway bill, is likely, if not corrected, to play havoc with the whole trucking industry.

The commercial carriers, if they intend to continue to use public roadbeds, cannot afford to outrage the public which gives them that license. Already Governor Warren has made it plain that he will veto any piecemeal highway bill—and Neil Petree, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce official, has served notice that the fight will be carried to the people, by means of the initiative, if a fair tax program is not enacted.

If the problem were submitted to the voters, it is probable that the people would not only compel the trucks to carry their fair share of the tax burden, but that they might go farther and rule double-headers and "truck trains" entirely off the highways. Trucks are vital to California's commercial and industrial progress, but it's about time the trucking industry grew up and assumed its fair share of public responsibilities. The recent show at Sacramento was not only bad public relations; it was bad business—for trucks.

No New Auto
Plates In 1948

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) — Californians will not get new license plates in 1948, Director of Motor Vehicles Edgar E. Lampton told Governor Earl Warren

today, explaining that the decision to use tabs next year has been made and that bids have been requested for the manufacture of more than four million of the tabs.

Lampton said the shortage of "steel which is so badly needed in the building trades" was the factor which determined the decision to use tabs.

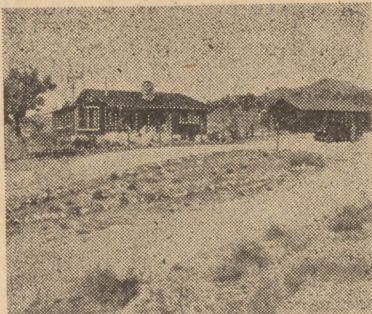
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Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

It is spring time, planting time, a time for new life and new growth in all nature, and man is a part of nature in its highest development.

It is spring time, blossom time, and the trees are putting on dresses of shining new leaves. To each of us it should bring some new beauty, and to the soul, an expanding grace.

It is spring time, cleaning time, a time to discard the old and bring in the new. And our mental-houses should receive first consideration.

Spring time brings inspiration, animation, and zest. And to man it is a challenge—a challenge to do his best!

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Twentynine Palms

From the Shades of The Juniper Tree

By CALEDFRWD

Just the other day the writer visited way up in the Big Pines, and entered into a cabin for a few moments chat with the folks who lived there at the time. Looking around the spacious room finished in the rough style of a mountain cabin, a cheerful glowing fireplace, and many things that made this a wonderful house to live in. Running along side of the house was a noisy little creek, tumbling over rocks and making rills galore. The Sycamore trees were just coming to life after a winter rest, the poplar trees, slender, and sylph like adorning the banks and washing their delicate branches in the pure water that came from snow banks above. That was real poetry. But inside the house in a corner that was rather dark, there came to my notice, a frame and some words within it—so went to closer focus and made out the words herein quoted:

"I WISH I WERE A YUCCA TREE"

"I wish I were a Yucca tree,
A blooming in the hills—
A living with the nightingales,
And with the whipporwills;
A sending out my fragrance,
Just to make the whole world glad.
A lightin' up the path for folks,
Who sometimes might feel sad;
And when my blossoms has dried up,
And my stalk all blown too—
I want to frame this little verse,
So I'll always be with you."

I did not find the author's name, but somehow it made a hit with the writer of curious poems that has been collected from different sources.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of Redondo Beach, accompanied by their friend, Mrs. Esther Harney of San Clemente, California, drove to Morongo Valley Saturday to see about their property in the valley which they have held for a number of years. They were surprised and delighted to see the activity and growth here and the advance in the price of their property. The Smiths plan to build a nice home in the near future on their acre adjoining the townsite. Mrs. Harney is owner of a valuable corner across from the Shell Service Station and with her husband planned to build a two story business block, but since his death she has decided to sell it. While in the valley over the weekend they were the guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hess.

The Morongo Woman's Social Club met at the home of Mrs. H. M. Hess Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Marion Weir, president, presiding.

The Club will assist the Chamber of Commerce in staging the annual barbecue, Decoration Day, May 30. They will have their own Bazaar Booth and will raffle a beautiful crocheted Luncheon Set.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., as a further attempt to secure the Morongo Postoffice for Mrs. Valentine McCracken, a member of the Club.

A petition, in favor of Mrs. McCracken, with 124 signers who

receive mail in the Morongo Valley, was sent some time ago to the Postal Inspector at San Bernardino.

Mrs. Barker who is an authority on Desert Plants and flowers, and assists in the free tours from the Desert Inn and Museum in Palm Springs, gave a very interesting 30 minute talk to those present. She was the guest of Mrs. Sadie Barnum.

There was a large attendance and Mrs. Lucille Welch became a member. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeLand and will make her home with her parents for some time.

Mrs. Gladys Ulrich and Mrs. Barnum assisted the hostess in serving light refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Law of Altadena have taken possession of the Morongo Market which they recently purchased.

California Driver Registrations

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) —There are 4,372,565 persons licensed to drive on the California highways, Director of Motor Vehicles Edgar E. Lampton told Governor Earl Warren today. He said 102,427 of these had been issued in January alone.

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Industrial Accident Report

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Of the other deaths, ten were caused by falls, four by falling trees, three by electrocution, two from burns, and one by an accident involving machinery.

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Coming Events

The Chamber of Commerce meets second Friday of each month at the Community Hall at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday evening preceding Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the New American Legion Hall.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Community Hall.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Community Building.

Joshua PTA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Community Hall.

Second Annual Running of the Grand National Sweepstakes, Turtle Races, Sunday, May 4th. Better purses, more Turtles, fun, action, thrills. Don't miss this event.

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Took to the airlines between the capital and Los Angeles to attend the National Bowling Congress and the California Republican Assembly Convention.

THE LEGISLATURE: Gave indication of the trend it will take during the next few weeks as the Senate Labor committee, with one dissenting vote, recommended passage of the "hot cargo" bill which would permanently outlaw the secondary boycott and prepared to take similar action on anti-closed shop and anti-picketing measures.

Offered little hope for the Collier Highway program, backed by Warren, as the Assembly refused to increase the gas tax after fiery debates which found even the speaker so confused he sought opinions from the legislative counsel to straighten out the record.

THE DEPARTMENTS: Once more legislative attention was focused on a State Administrative agency. This time, the Department of Employment appeared headed for the witness chair as a

lower house member prepared to ask for a special committee to investigate allegations of inefficiency within that branch of government. If all of the special investigating committees being sought are granted, employment will take its place in line with the Division of Mines, Fish and Game, and the State Printing office, with others expected.

10 MILLION STATE COMPENSATION PAID

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS) — More than ten million dollars was paid to workers during 1946 by the State Compensation Insurance Fund according to Joseph J. Gallagher, manager of the fund, who said today that his agency had received 134,193 claims for injuries during the year.

This, Gallagher said, was more than twice the number of claims received during the first five years of operation from 1914 to 1918.

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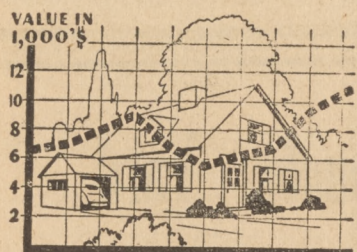
Church Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

The first Easter Sunrise service of the Joshua Tree Service was held on the Sunrise Terrace. A large white cross was placed against a tall Joshua Tree. The pulpit and choir was arranged in front of the cross and the congregation was seated facing the cross.

The sun came over the peak of the mountain just as the congregation sang, "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name," and it was a beautiful sunrise, as only the desert can have.

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The attendance was most gratifying and we of Joshua Tree can feel very proud of our first East Service.

The Children's party held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee, the Sunday School Superintendent, was also a great success.

The 11 o'clock service filled the Community Hall. The altar was very attractively decorated with memorial plants and flowers.

A ladies trio, consisting of Mrs. Rundall, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Kirch

sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," with Mrs. J. G. Robbins at the piano. Mrs. A. Kirch sang "Open the Gates of the Temple," and Dr. Williams preached from the Acts of The Apostles, "The Risen Christ."

With this splendid demonstration of the interest of the people of Joshua Tree in a Community Church it will not be long before we will be worshipping in our own Chapel. Everyone interested can help by attending Church on Sunday.

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The people of this vicinity feel that Joshua Tree should have representation on our school board, and friends of Mrs. Lafferty urge that the voters here support her one hundred percent.

STATE FAIR**PUBLICITY CONTRACT LET**

SACRAMENTO, April 7 (WNS) —The publicity contract for the 1947 California State Fair has been awarded to Kirt MacBride and associates, Harold J. McCurry, director, announced today. MacBride is a former newspaperman, who left that work recently to open his own agency.

Under the contract, he will direct all newspaper, radio publicity and advertising for the fair, at a salary of \$600 per month.

Play Ball!

(Continued from page 1)

Piper Cub from "K" Field will appear over the ball grounds promptly at 1 o'clock and drop an autographed softball to which a \$10 bill will be attached. The ball and bill will be parachuted to the ground and will go to the person recovering it. Immediately after the umpire will call "Play Ball", and the league season will be off.

Sale of tickets for the new Jeep that will be awarded to some lucky person on May 4th at the Turtle Races, are not going as fast as the Sportsman's Club expected. The money received from the sale of tickets is being used to make improvements to the grounds, and because of this lag in sales there is considerable work yet to be done to make the fans comfortable. Dewey Below and Doc Ford say they hope the fans will turn out in large numbers and bring their folding money with them and reduce that pile of tickets at the game.

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Town Gossip

The H. J. Wilsons who have a house on the LaFerney Road entertained this week their daughter, and a friend, who are public health nurses in Oakland, California. Both were Lieutenants in the Coast Guard during the war and saw much active service.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beardsley and Mr. and Mrs. Lieth Petch, and children, Stephen and Caroline, of Ontario.

Mr. Beardsley is a contractor and builder, and Mr. Petch is an instructor at Norco Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Valmer and two children, Johnny and Dennis, from L. A. are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clark.

Mrs. Dewey Below and her daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Stuart Bailey are spending the week in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Jeannette Irwin has joined her husband here. Irwin is associated with Roger Clark in the new rock crushing plant, they expect to have in operation soon. The Irwin's are from Long Beach.

Mrs. May Dines of Eagle Rock is spending six weeks at the Coulter Guest House. Mrs. Dines came out for her health and she says a week here has already done wonders for her.

Visiting with Mrs. Dines over

Sunday were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Schaffner of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Schaffner is a proofreader on the Los Angeles Times and Mr. Schaffner is in the building business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Downer came out to the desert especially for our Easter Sunrise Service.

Maude and Frank Fox had a busy week with visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jumper and children, Barbara, Phyllis, and Judith from San Gabriel, were the first to arrive, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gustlin with Philip and Dale, returning from a vacation trip to the Grand Canyon. Stephen, the third of the Gustlin children stayed with Grandma Maude while the rest of the family were seeing the sights.

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By PHYLLIS LEDESMA

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ledesma, daughter Phyllis and Miss Jean Eaton were visitors in Palm Springs Sunday. After viewing the city they went on a tour of Andreas Canyon, famous for its beautiful hidden springs, an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neville were visitors at the Tootle home this week-end. Mr. Neville is Mrs. Tootle's son. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Wagner of Los Angeles.

Jerry Emig went to Montrose to attend the wedding of an old friend Jack Carrol. After a week's vacation he has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ledesma were visited this week-end by: Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Jewell, children Suzanne and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. W. Towns and family, Mrs. Vida Towns, Johnnie Guerrero, Mr. and Mrs. H. Butcher of Cedarapines Park, also Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann who also live in Cedarapines Park. Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann are recent

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Mr. and Mrs. Burty Hayes of Redlands were guests at the Reagan and Stockton Ranch Saturday. They were shown part of the Joshua Tree Monument and

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"Other than in the broadest phrases the commission, as such, has no knowledge of the administration although the entire group is held responsible."

Johnson said he believed the department should be reorganized with a "proper organization set-up."

"In my opinion the department should be administered by a director appointed by the Governor and responsible to him. This man should be of a high calibre, honest and competent. He should serve under a three man appeals board who would judicially decide matters of policy, law and administrative philosophy."

He said the commission was composed of five members, two of which serve as administrators while the other three compose the appeals board. He indicated that these three have virtually no connection with the administration of the department.

"We have very little to say about the administration and, in fact, have little knowledge of what takes place."

commissioners are not consulted on many basic matters and are "not even advised when legislative measures are to be heard before committees."

Asked about the points to which Miller has indicated he would direct his investigation, Johnson commented:

"While the specific points are not within the knowledge of the appeals board members, any legislative investigation might be directed towards a demonstration of the need for creating high paying civil service positions not previously in existence at the time of the return of the USES to State control, particularly in view of the fact that much criticism has been directed at the faulty administration of that service while it was under Federal control."

At the same time, the department's chief administrator, James G. Bryant, who came into the employment service in California as

a Federal employee, had little to say concerning the charges.

Asked for a statement, he said: "Our record is an open book. The information (upon which Assemblyman Miller based his request for an investigation) was probably from a few disgruntled people."

Questioned further concerning the allegations that the department's phone bills are from three to four months in arrears, Bryant stated that the bills were paid "as currently as possible in a large State agency."

A check of the records in State Controller Thomas Kuchel's office revealed that November bills presented to the department on December 1 were not paid until March 17.

In the case of one office checked, that of the San Francisco division, a bill dated December 16 showed the November amount due to be \$706.55 and a previous balance due of \$2,418.87 and that the bill was not paid until February 24.

He disclosed that three of the

CALIFORNIA WAGES UP

SACRAMENTO, April 8 (WNS)

— Average weekly earnings of California factory workers in January 1947 were 11.3 per cent above January a year ago, according to a report made to Governor Earl Warren today by Director of Industrial Relations Paul Scharrenberg.

The average wage, Scharrenberg said, was \$53.07 per week as compared to \$47.67 in January

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"However," he stated, "despite the rise in wages, the average factory worker suffered a loss in purchasing power because the increase was offset by a rise of greater magnitude in the cost of living."

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